other work authorized under this act, themselves, they shall have power to purchase any and all materials, stock, machinery, and employ labor necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act; and all necessary expenses incurred by the commissioners by reason of this act shall be paid out of the funds arising under this act.

Sec. 10. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 6th day of March, A. D. 1913,

CHAPTER 338.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WILSON TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING, INSTALLING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING A GAS PLANT IN THE TOWN OF WILSON AND ACQUIRING OR CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING A TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THE SAID TOWN AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Committee of investigation.

Section 1, That D. S. Boykin, Ernest Deans, and E. A. Darden be and they are hereby appointed a committee for the purpose of investigating and report to the board of town commissioners of the town of Wilson the advisability, probable cost, expediency and practicability of the town of Wilson issuing bonds for the following purposes:

Matters for consideration.

> (a) Of erecting, constructing, maintaining, and operating a gas plant in the town of Wilson for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, and distributing to the inhabitants thereof gas for domestic and commercial purposes.

Construction and maintenance of gas plant.

> (b) Of acquiring or erecting, constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining a telephone system in the town of Wilson and the outlying districts.

Acquiring or erecting telephone system.

Employment of experts.

Sec. 2. That the committee herein appointed is authorized, for the purpose of intelligently reporting to the board of town commissioners of Wilson upon the questions intrusted to it, to employ competent, skilled, and accredited experts to make such expert investigations and surveys as may be necessary to enable the committee to act advisedly, and for this purpose the board of town commissioners of the town of Wilson are hereby directed to appropriate and hold, subject to the order of the said committee, one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be expended by said committee, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of investigating the said propositions.

Appropriation for investigation.

Time for report of committee.

SEC. 3. That the committee herein appointed shall report to the board of town commissioners of the town of Wilson, not later than